



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

(RCW 34.05.310)

CR-101 (7/22/01)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Review the current fees that exist in the rules for Electrical (Chapters 296-46B), Plumber Certification (Chapter 296-400A WAC), Contractor Registration (Chapter 296-200A WAC), Elevators (Chapter 296-96 WAC) and Factory Assembled Structures (Chapters 296-150C, 296-150F, 296-150M, 296-150P, 296-150R, 296-150T, and 296-150V WAC) for possible increases.

(a) Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 18.27 RCW, Chapter 18.106 RCW, Chapter 19.28 RCW, Chapter 43.22 RCW, and Chapter 70.87 RCW

(b) Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: A 3.20% fee increase, which is the Office of Financial Management's maximum allowable fiscal growth rate factor for fiscal year 2004, may be necessary to help offset inflation and maintain the operational effectiveness of the Contractor Registration, Factory Assembled Structures, Plumber Certification, Electrical and Elevator programs.

(c) Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The department is the sole agency charged with setting these plumbing, contractor registration, elevator, electrical and factory assembled structures fees.

(d) Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

☐ Negotiated rule making

☐ Pilot rule making

☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) The department will solicit input from the director's FAS Advisory Board, the Elevator Safety Advisory Committee, the Plumber's Advisory Board, and the Electrical Board. Other interested parties and the public may also participate by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing and comment process.

(e) How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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